

HOME OF THE WARRIORS



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MCGILL - LOYOLA GAME PUTS COLLEGE FOOTBALL FEVER IN THE AIR

At the start of the current Loyola-McGill football series in 1966 over five thousand partisan Loyola fans turned out only to return home disappointed as the Redmen overpowered a gallant Warrior team 31-6. It is a different story now. The Warriors have been building and improving ever since that day. Last year only a last minute field goal from the toe of George Springate saved the day for the Redmen. McGill won the exciting contest 10-17 after being outplayed by the Warriors.

Now the annual contest has become a genuine rivalry to be renewed tomorrow night when the two clubs meet at Molson Stadium at 8:00 p.m. to start the local college sports season. Enhancing and adding considerable prestige to the game will be the Shaughnessy Cup. It will go annually to the winning team in memory of the great Frank Shaughnessy, Sr. who served both institutions so well.

Anyone witnessing the sight of 50 weary Redmen sprinting up McGill Stadium's north bleacher screaming "10 days to Loyola" last week understands how Tom Hooney and his group are approaching the affair. At Loyola Head Coach George Dixon put it this way. "It is a one game season as far as we are concerned right now - and equal in importance to any league championship".

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Both clubs prepped for Friday night's game with controlled scrimmages last weekend. The Warriors played about even with St. Lawrence University while McGill demolished the Verdun Invictus. The Warriors' defence proved Loyola's strong suit against the visitors from St. Lawrence. The defensive line and linebackers are big and tough. The line is anchored by behemoth Bob Miele, at 280 pounds, Greg Iodice, 260, quick and aggressive Brian Marcil and Claude Beaudry scale 220 and are at the defensive end spots. Loyola's linebackers are led by seasoned John Cawsey in the monster position and Doug Martel and Mickey O'Neill occupy the corners.

Warriors offensive line shapes almost as strong, and provided the passers with creditable protecting against St. Lawrence last week. The backfield, aside from halfback Frank Belvedere and flanker Mike Dorey is largely untested. Gary Flante, a junior is expected to start at quarterback and has shown steady improvement. Andy Halolepszy a converted guard has won the starting fullback position.

The Redmen are loaded with veteran talent that could win the OQAA championship. Strongest point is their fine offensive line. It should be a no holds barred battle when they confront with the vaulted Loyola defensive line.

Interest is building on both campuses and throughout the city. College Football fever is in the air and it could make for a large turnout Friday evening.